

engagement with a bathtub surface at ~~a like plurality of~~ locations near a margin of said shield and work surface panel, each said adjustable foot member including a threaded rod which is threadingly engaged with said bracket member near one end of said threaded rod and having a foot pad member attached to the other end of said threaded rod.

2. (Previously Presented) A method for protecting the bathtub against damage during construction or remodeling and for providing a temporary scaffold comprising the steps of:
 - selecting a combination bathtub protection and temporary scaffold system comprising:
 - a shield and temporary work surface panel sized and shaped to substantially overlay the entirety of a bathtub to be protected; and
 - an adjustable positioning unit which includes a bracket member for attachment to set shield and temporary work surface panel and for supporting and oriented and an adjustable foot member, said adjustable foot member including a threaded rod which is threadingly engaged with said bracket member near one end of said threaded rod and having a foot pad member attached to the other end of said threaded rod;
 - attaching said adjustable positioning unit to said shield and temporary work surface panel at a position whereby, when said shield and temporary work surface panel is placed atop said bathtub with said adjustable positioning unit extending into the interior of said bathtub, said adjustable positioning unit, when adjusted, will apply force against an interior surface of a first side of

said bathtub to lodge said shield and temporary work surface panel against a vertical surface which juxtaposes the upper margin of a second, opposite side of said bathtub for securely maintaining said system in position relative to said bathtub;

adjusting said adjustable positioning unit; and

placing said shield and temporary work surface panel atop said bathtub with said adjustable positioning unit extending into said interior of said bathtub and with said foot member contacting said interior surface of said first side of said bathtub.

3. (Currently Amended) A combination bathtub protection and temporary scaffold system comprising:

a substantially planer shield and temporary work surface panel sized and shaped to substantially overlay a portion of a bathtub to be protected; and

a plurality of adjustable positioning units for attachment to a face of said shield and temporary work surface panel which each include a bracket member for attachment to said shield and temporary work surface panel and for supporting and orienting an adjustable foot member for frictional engagement with a bathtub surface, each said adjustable foot member including a threaded rod which is threadingly engaged with said bracket member near one end of said threaded rod and having a foot pad member attached to the other end of said threaded rod; and

attachment means for attaching each of said plurality of adjustable positioning units to said

planer shield and temporary work surface panel at each of a ~~like plurality of~~ positions on said face of said shield and temporary work surface panel for positioning said adjustable foot member of each said adjustable positioning means for frictional engagement with said bathtub surface near said respective positioning of each said respective adjustable positioning units.